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LETTER DATED 28 OCTOBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that the United States Air Force has continued to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

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1. On 24/25 October 1991, the United States Air Force continued to violate Iraqi airspace for purposes of surveillance and provocation with 57 sorties flown by 28 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 650 to 1,050 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 6,000 metres. The flights centred on Irbil, Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Rawanduz, Dukan and Ayn Zalah.

2. At 1310 hours on the same day, a two-aircraft formation, travelling at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,500 to 6,000 metres, flew 9 kilometres beyond the 36th parallel (25 kilometres north-east of Qa'idat Saddam).

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1. On 25/26 October 1991, the United States Air Force continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation with 53 sorties flown by 24 two-aircraft formations, one three-aircraft formation and two single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 950 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 1,000 to 7,000 metres. The flights centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Zakho and Sinjar.

2. At 0943, 1052 and 1240 hours on the same day, one F-111 and four F-16s overflew Firnas airfield at high speed and at a low altitude.

3. At 1220 and 1725 hours on the same day, one Mirage F-1 and one F-111 overflew Faruq airfield at high speed and at a low altitude.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
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